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Six generals bear the coffin of Yigael Yadin at yesterday's state funeral on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem. They are followed by Yadin's two daughters. (Rahamim Israeli)

Yadin buried on Mt. Herzl

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yigael Yadin, former deputy prime minister, the second chief of staff and a renowned archeologist, was buried yesterday in the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem.

Yadin suffered a heart attack on Thursday in his Michmoret holiday home, and collapsed in the arms of his brother Yosef. He was 67. The funeral was delayed to enable one of Yadin's two daughters, to return home from abroad.

The flag-draped coffin lay in state for two hours in the forecourt of Binyanei Ha'uma. The coffin was flanked by two beacons, and IDF chaplains stood by reciting prayers.

The public filed past the coffin between barricades manned by military police. Relatives and friends of the deceased, plus statesmen, politicians, high-ranking academics and military figures congregated inside the building.

Among the many citizens who came to pay their last respects were people who had been on archeological digs with Yadin. Some had served with him in the army, and others had been colleagues at the Hebrew University.

Police were posted at every intersection along Herzl Boulevard to ensure that the cortege could pass smoothly. At the cemetery the climb to the gravesite was long and tiring, especially for the elderly. Two of the honour guards fainted from the heat at the graveside, and one woman soldier who was among the wreath-bearers fainted.

Yosef Yadin recited Kaddish in a loud, firm voice.

President Herzog then eulogized Yadin as "a living bridge" between (Continued on Page 3)

Labour strife simmers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite last week's signing of a two-year wage agreement in the public sector, labour strife continues to simmer throughout the country.

Electric Corporation workers are maintaining the indefinite strike that they embarked on last week. Haifa area firemen have resigned en masse, and hotel workers are to hold a one-day warning strike today.

Engineers and academics employed in the public sector are threatening to break away from the Histadrut and to go out to press their wage demands. Employees of the National Insurance Institute in Jerusalem are continuing their walk-out which they initiated yesterday. Foreign Ministry employees continue their crippling sanctions as well. (Strike reports, Page 3)

Lebanese Forces back Beirut cease-fire plan

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post-Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Lebanon yesterday took a significant move towards implementing a workable cease-fire in and around Beirut when the main Christian militia, the Lebanese Forces, apparently joined their Druze and Shi'a rivals in supporting the Syrian-sponsored separation of forces plan worked out 10 days ago.

Until now, the failure of the Lebanese Forces to endorse the plan has been the major obstacle.

Lebanese Forces commander Fadi Frem was quoted as saying yesterday, however, that he now supports "any plan that would remove heavy weapons from Beirut, stabilize the cease-fire and spare innocent civilians further indiscriminate bombardments."

Frem's position is a dramatic reversal of the Lebanese Forces' previous position on the plan, and represents a significant breakthrough in the bid to bring calm to Beirut.

His statement, carried by the independent Central News Agency, followed the acceptance on Saturday of the cease-fire plan by Druze leader Wajid Jumblatt and the similar acceptance yesterday by Shi'a leader Nabih Berri.

Berri was yesterday quoted by Lebanese State Radio as saying he agreed with President Amin Jemayel that the army would begin deploying in East and West Beirut along the mid-city Green Line on Wednesday - as provided for in the plan hammered out when Syrian Vice President Abdul-Halim Khaddam met in emergency session with Lebanon's leaders late last month. West Beirut has been controlled by Berri's Amal forces since the army was driven out last February.

Beirut radio stations reported yesterday that the rival militias fought intermittent mortar and machine gun duels in Beirut's southern suburbs, while the Green Line remained mainly quiet.

Israeli position fired on; Sidon port to be reopened

By MENAHEM HORWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. - Light arms fire was directed yesterday at an Israeli position on the eastern front in Lebanon near the village of Kuk. There were no injuries and the fire was not returned.

The fire, which apparently came from Syrian-controlled territory, ended two weeks of relative quiet in the area.

A woman resident of a refugee camp near Tyre was wounded on Saturday night when an IDF force in the camp came under attack by dozens of residents and was forced to open fire.

The port of Sidon, which was closed last week for security reasons, is to be reopened by IDF authorities today.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shamir yesterday sent Lebanon's Moslems, and especially the members of the Shi'ite community, his best wishes on the end of Ramadan, wishing them security, peace, prosperity and happiness.

Shamir expressed the hope that adequate solutions would soon be found for the difficulties currently faced by South Lebanon residents.

Assad's brother said among officers 'purged' in Syria

LONDON (AP). - President Hafez Assad of Syria started a purge to reassert his authority by sending a group of top army officers into temporary or permanent exile abroad.

The Observer reported here yesterday.

They include his brother Rifaat, commander of the defence brigades designed to counter any rebellion. Rifaat's rivals, Gen. Ali Haydar, head of the special forces, and Gen. Shafik Fayyadh, commander of the Third Armoured Division, the report said.

It said the units involved came close to dragging Syria into civil war earlier this year when their commanders were squabbling and Assad had to intervene.

The Observer said the rivals, with 60 other officers and officials, were put on a plane to Moscow on May 28, ostensibly for talks with Soviet leaders.

"It is now clear the trip was a cover for disciplinary action against the troublemakers... Officials such as Foreign Minister Faruk al-Sharaa returned home once the talks were over, (but) the principal army commanders did not," The Observer said. "Rifaat and his supporters are in Geneva, while Generals Haydar and Fayyadh cool their heels in Sofia, Bulgaria."

The Observer noted that the Soviet Union "has an interest in seeing Assad's authority unchallenged in Syria, Russia's most valued Middle East ally."

Infiltrator surrenders on Golan Heights

TIBERIAS. - A man entered the Golan Heights from Syrian territory on Friday and surrendered to security forces after identifying himself as a terrorist, it was revealed yesterday.

The infiltrator, who was unarmed, first stopped a motorist and asked for a lift. He stated that he was a terrorist and reportedly showed the motorist his PLO membership papers.

The driver took the man to a kiosk to get help translating the Arabic documents. From there a call was made to Tiberias police, who arrived and took the man into custody.

Questioned by the authorities, he said that he had entered Israeli territory to seek work.

Golan Druze held as terror suspects

By MENAHEM HORWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJDAL SHAMS. - Fifteen Golan Druze were recently arrested by security forces on suspicion of terrorist activity.

The 15 are suspected of placing bombs near the homes of persons who they say "cooperated" with Israel, organizing demonstrations in the Golan, possessing submachine-guns and hand grenades, and other weapons, and passing information to foreign agents in the country and abroad.

The accused are also suspected of collaboration with PLO elements.

Some of the suspects have reportedly confessed and re-enacted their crimes for investigators.

In other developments, Syrian flags were raised here yesterday during a football match between two local teams in honour of Syrian president Hafez Assad. Two powerful loudspeakers relayed Syrian national songs and spectators shouted slogans against Israel and for Syria.

The festivities in the Golan for the 12 Druze released from Israeli prisons continued yesterday.

Funerals for two IDF soldiers

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two soldiers who died in the Lebanon war and whose bodies were returned by Syria last week, have been buried.

Seren Zohar Lifshitz, 28, killed in a tank battle with the Syrians at Sultan Yakub on July 11, 1982, was buried here yesterday. Rav-Seren Aharon Katz, 34, who was shot down in his Phantom on July 24, 1982, during a patrol flight over the Bekaa valley, was buried in Ra'anana on Friday.

Iraq claims destroying seven ships

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). - Iraq said its air force and navy units destroyed five "naval targets" in Iranian waters yesterday, and Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini advised the Gulf Arab states to stop aiding Iraq.

An Iraqi military spokesman in Baghdad said that besides the five "naval targets," two more ships were destroyed when they struck mines as they fled from the raid.

The spokesman said Iranian jet-fighters tried to protect the ships, but that the Iraqis engaged the Iranians and shot down one of them.

However, marine salvage sources in Bahrain said no distress signals have been received from any vessel in the Khor Moussa canal, which is the area where Iraq said the attack took place.

The Iraqi spokesman did not specify the type of ships reportedly destroyed. Iraq has often used the term naval targets to refer to oil tankers.

But shipping sources in Bahrain said the Khor Moussa canal, which leads to the oil port of Bandar Khomeini in the northeastern sector of the Gulf, is too shallow for large or medium size tankers to sail through.

In Teheran, Khomeini advised the leaders of the Gulf Arab countries to stop aiding the Iraqi regime of President Saddam Hussein whom he described as "a beast that cannot be changed into a human being."

Khomeini was speaking to a group of his closest lieutenants, including President Ali Khamenei, parliament speaker Hojatolleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the prime minister, cabinet ministers and ranking civil servants.

The statement marked 10 days of the fast ending the month-long Ramadan fast.

"Some have advised us to compromise," Khomeini said. "But these are either ignorant or lackeys. Any compromise with the oppressors runs contrary to Islam."

He added that governments of Gulf regions who allegedly aid Iraq are "fomenting a war, and they are not aware of the fact that any aggravation of the conflict would precipitate their own destruction."

The Iraqis 10 days ago fired a rocket into the Greek tanker Alexander the Great south of the Iranian oil terminal of Kharg, and last Wednesday crippled the Swiss-owned supertanker Tiburon with a French-made Exocet missile.

The Alexander the Great managed to reach Dubai, where it has been unloading its cargo of crude oil. But the Exocet crippled the 260,500-ton Tiburon beyond repair, salvage company sources said.

Treasury steps aim to restore confidence

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad is expected today to tell the Knesset of his intention to cancel the 2 per cent tax on sales of shares in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, introduced two years ago to finance the war in Lebanon.

The move, which must be approved by the Knesset Finance Committee, is among a number of measures to be introduced. They are seen as designed to restore public confidence in the monetary system and reduce the public's anxiety.

Cohen-Orgad is also expected to announce the granting of compensation to persons redeeming provident funds, which under current procedures, lose value because inflation occurring during the final month of savings is not taken into account. The exact form and rate of compensation is yet to be determined, the Treasury said yesterday.

The Bank of Israel, meanwhile, announced that the country's foreign currency reserves fell by \$49 million during the month of June. But the statement did not mention the apparent transfer of some \$300m. from abroad at the end of last week, making the drop appear to be much smaller than it really was. Such transfers are usually made for only a very short period - just long enough to affect the reserves statistic, which refers to the situation only on a particular day.

The large drop in foreign currency reserves reflects the strong demand for dollars felt during the last few weeks, amid a climate of growing speculation over the government's economic policy after the elections. But the foreign currency purchases themselves were also partly financed by some IS\$38.5 billion pumped into the economy by the government during June.

Officially, the Treasury stated that the money injected in June totalled some IS\$24.4b., but the figure was (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Nine detainees from ferry are still being questioned

Jerusalem Post Reporters and Agencies

The nine passengers of the Beirut-bound Cyprus vessel who were taken ashore in Haifa on Friday for questioning were still being held last night. Official sources were mounting a tight news blackout on the situation. (Cabinet report - p2)

The ferry Alisur Blanco was stopped on the high seas by Israel Navy boats and brought into Haifa Port on Friday afternoon.

Most Palestinian terrorist groups have offices and operational establishments in Cyprus.

Fourteen years ago a Middle East Airlines plane flying between Damascus and Beirut was forced down in Israel because of prior intelligence (mistaken as it turned out) that terrorist chief George Habash was on board.

Israel Navy boats have in the past stopped and searched boats in international waters. On Friday, in a change of tactics, the boat was ordered into Israeli territorial waters and only then boarded.

According to an official in Jerusalem, no complaints or queries have yet been received with regard to the routing of the ferry.

With Israeli offices closed on Saturday and offices in foreign capitals closed Sunday, the absence of contact on the boat affair is understandable.

But if sanctions continue at the Foreign Ministry, complaints from foreign governments or institutions may not be accepted anyway.

None of those detained from the ferry are American citizens, deputy U.S. ambassador Robert Flaten told The Jerusalem Post last night.

He said American officials had checked and only one passenger on the boat had an American passport, but he was not among the nine passengers who have been detained by Israel.

Flaten said he could make no comment about the incident because he had received no instructions from Washington.

Asked if America had lodged any formal or informal complaint to Israel regarding the seizure of the ferry, Flaten replied that since it was Sunday he had not been in his office.

He said that freedom of the seas and freedom of navigation were a very important part of U.S. foreign policy. He did not, however, wish to pass judgement or make any reference to the recent incident.

In London, an eyewitness report in a British newspaper yesterday (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

SA upset by Israel ties with black homelands

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. - South Africa has told Israel of its displeasure at the growing commercial links between Israel and the black homelands of Ciskei and Bophuthatswana.

According to a dispatch from Eric Marsden, Johannesburg correspondent of The Sunday Times, published yesterday, South African Foreign Minister R.F. (Pik) Botha has conveyed his country's views to Ambassador Eliahu Lankin and "given an unofficial warning that Pretoria will not accept any responsibility for any bad debts Israeli speculators may incur in the homelands."

According to the report, the South African government is becoming "restive over the intrusion of Israeli entrepreneurs and paramilitary advisers into its sphere of influence in the black homelands. Ministers are upset about uncontrolled investment in the homelands, which often conflicts with the policies suggested by South African officials, and also about schemes for cheap flights to Europe, via Israel, which are threatening the viability of South Africa's national airline."

The Israeli government, the report adds, "has denied that it is involved in any way."

The report estimates that there are 60 private Israeli entrepreneurs in Ciskei, "among them several ex-army officers advising on security. South African officials blame these men for Ciskei's excessive spending on luxury schemes, causing the shelving of more urgent development projects."

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London paper blamed for Colombo bomb

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. - The Israeli Embassy here has indirectly accused the Sunday Times of responsibility for an explosion in a hotel in Colombo last week which killed a Sri Lankan citizen.

A report in the paper last week said that David Matnai was a Mossad agent who had arrived in Colombo to help train security forces fighting Tamil guerrillas.

A statement in the paper yesterday, dictated by the Israeli Embassy here, says that "the article could have been interpreted as relating Mr. Matnai's presence to that of steps taken by the Sri Lankan government to combat its problems of internal terrorism and implied a direct relationship between Israel's cooperation with Sri Lanka and action against Sri Lanka's Tamil citizens."

"The article gave precise details of Mr. Matnai's hotel residence in Colombo, and subsequently, an explosive device detonated at the location, killing a Sri Lankan citizen."

The embassy statement emphasized that "the insinuation regarding Mr. Matnai's role in Colombo is totally without foundation. Mr. Matnai is one of Israel's veteran diplomats and a specialist in Asian questions. His function in Colombo is to improve Israel-Sri Lankan relations, and in particular to coordinate cooperation with Israel in the development of agriculture, irrigation and social development in Sri Lanka."

"Israel has maintained friendly relations with the Tamils of Sri Lanka for many years. The government of Israel does not interfere in any way with that country's affairs."

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Delays abroad prevented the arrival of The New York Times Week In Review for inclusion with today's issue of The Jerusalem Post.

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Ministry readies back-to-work orders for electricity workers

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Energy Ministry is prepared to issue back-to-work orders against striking Electric Corporation employees to ensure that there is no disruption in the national power supply. The *Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

An Energy Ministry spokesman confirmed that back-to-work orders had been prepared and would be issued if necessary.

He said the negotiations were between the employees and the Finance Ministry, and the Energy Ministry was concerned only with ensuring the continued supply of power to homes and factories.

Two of the four coal-fired generating units at the Hadera power station remained in full operation yesterday but a corporation spokesman said there would be problems today because there would be no workers to remove the buildup of ashes from the furnaces. This in turn could result in the shutdown of both units.

The corporation is already having to use gas turbines, which are three times more expensive to run than the coal-fired generators, to meet power demands. The corporation yesterday asked consumers to cut consumption and reduce the use of air conditioners.

Works committee chairman

Yoram Obracovich agreed that without workers to remove ashes from the Hadera generators, the units would be closed down and this would result in a nationwide power failure.

"At the moment we have not received back-to-work orders. If and when we do we will meet to decide our reaction. In the meantime we are continuing our holiday and the responsibility for any damage to the national grid or extra cost lies with the government," he said.

The workers' action is in protest against the government's rejection of their demands for compensation for wage erosion and the parity bonus awarded to some civil servants.

All Haifa-area firemen resign

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Without warning, the city's 50 firemen presented their collective resignation to the regional fire-brigade authority yesterday, leaving the district without any fire-fighting services.

Firemen's spokesman Yigal Tushia told *The Jerusalem Post* that they would not answer any emergency calls, "even if the whole of Haifa burns down."

He said the action was in protest against the authority's failure to

keep its promise to pay the firemen's salaries on time.

The firemen's jurisdiction includes not only Haifa and surrounding communities, but the Bayside industrial area and the Mt. Carmel national park and other woodlands.

The firemen staged a three-day strike at the beginning of last month, over what they alleged were repeated delays in their wages. They called off the action after being told that their salaries would be paid at the end of each month, Tushia said.

The Interior Ministry also pledged to channel funds directly to the re-

gional fire-brigade authority rather than to the local authorities, some of whom had been withholding their contributions.

Tushia said that despite the assurances, they had not received their June wages on time and no date for payment had been fixed.

Fire-brigade chief Moshe Vardi, who also handed in his resignation, agreed that the action was not strictly legal because they had not given any notice.

"The firemen have been forced to take this step as a last resort after six months of struggle," he said.

Hotel workers hold warning strike today

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Thousands of hotel guests throughout the country may find it difficult today to get a meal and other hotel services, as hotel workers launch a one-day warning strike, the first of its kind in Israel.

Department managers and floor supervisors throughout the country prepared yesterday to run the hotels themselves.

"We shall serve meals and pour coffee for the guests; it should be a new and educational experience for us," Tel Aviv Hilton food and beverage executive director Matti Har'el told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He noted that the hotel would function in a way similar to the Sabbath and holidays.

Some 20,000 hotel workers are asking for pay rises until a new work agreement is signed. The workers, whose work agreement expired some three years ago and whose negotiations with the Israel Hotel Association have reached a dead end, declared a work dispute two weeks ago.

The workers have informed hotel guests of today's strike.

Uzi Natanel, Manufacturers Association Representative, said the hotel workers' strike is illegal, be-

cause a committee representing both the Histadrut and the employers called on them on Friday not to strike. In exchange, the committee decided that the workers and association would continue negotiations and find a solution within three weeks.

But the hotel workers national secretary Abba Kaminsky told *The Post* that the workers received no word from the committee and the strike, which has been decided upon by the workers national committee, is legal.

If the strike fails to produce the desired results, the workers reportedly will discuss further steps.

'Package deal possible — after election'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar said yesterday the labour federation is willing to negotiate a wide-ranging economic deal with the government after the elections. It is willing to discuss such a deal with whichever government comes to power, he main-

tained. However, Kessar added that the Histadrut will not limit the scope of such a deal to prices, taxes and wages only. It wants a plan encompassing 12 issues, including economic, social and monetary-fiscal clauses as well as questions of economic development.

Jerusalem NII workers

Employees at the National Insurance Institute's main office in Jerusalem went out on a two-day strike yesterday which is to conclude today. The workers struck to emphasize their demand for a parity bonus.

An NII works committee spokesman said the action would not interfere with the normal operation of regional offices.



Tat-Aluf David Laskov, at 80 Israel's oldest serving soldier, examines the certificate he was awarded yesterday at the annual Israel Defence Prizes ceremony in Jerusalem. (Dan Landau)

Engineers, academics to stage protest today

Two unions may leave Histadrut

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The unions of engineers and university graduates yesterday urged their members to demonstrate outside Histadrut headquarters here this morning in a move which may be followed by their secession from the general labour federation.

The unions have received a police permit for a demonstration of 3,000 people and arranged for 80 buses to bring members from as far as Acre and Dimona. Tomorrow, they plan to launch an open-ended general strike of their 60,000 members.

In what is considered in the Histadrut as a potentially dangerous move, the two unions have also summoned their convention members to a special session next Wednesday, where the agenda will include the possibility of a break-away from the general federation of labour.

The doctors, journalists and most high school teachers already have independent unions and a Histadrut source noted that if the engineers and graduates leave too there will be few people with academic degrees left in the labour federation.

The issue dividing the Histadrut establishment and the rebel unions was put on the front burner after the labour federation and the public employers last week concluded a two-year agreement.

That agreement — even according to the Treasury's accounts — preferred the workers in the low and medium wage scales.

An engineers' union circular said that until May 28, 1983 a technician

who had studied for a year and a half got as much as an engineer who graduated the Technion after four or five years — and since then things had got worse.

Technicians were compensated for advanced studies so a technician who studied 400 hours earned 12 to 14 per cent more than an engineer.

The two unions therefore cooperated in pressing for a totally new wage scale based on job roles, education, specialization and achievements. The Histadrut Central Committee had agreed to study the matter and last February appointed a committee to do so.

The engineers said they were promised the findings by March 20, but they have not received anything yet. The head of the committee, Hovrat Ha'ovdim Secretary Danny Rosolio, said its members had other jobs too and were sometimes abroad, so the work required more time.

In the meantime, Histadrut leaders said, the unions should join last week's agreement.

The strike planned for tomorrow is expected to affect enterprises such as the Israel Aircraft Industries, the Tass Military Industries, the atomic reactors and possibly radio and TV broadcasts.

The impact may be felt only at a later date, a union spokesman said. The engineers are not involved in day-to-day maintenance as long as the systems function — work may thus continue. But if, for instance, a sewage system breaks down, there will be no one to repair it "and half a city may have to be evacuated," a union leader said.

Taxi drivers threaten to strike

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — About 20 taxi drivers met yesterday with Transport Minister Haim Corfu at his office in Jerusalem demanding that their fares be raised by 41 per cent. Corfu suggested 14 per cent, and the drivers responded by threatening a nationwide strike.

The drivers represent the Taxi Owners Organization.

Corfu promised that he would raise this matter with Finance Minister Yigal Gal-On today. The minister also promised to appoint a committee to look into taxi operating costs in preparation for the next meeting of the two sides to decide on fares.

Shemtov Shemtov, chairman of the taxi organization, told *The Jerusalem Post* that owners would meet today, and if they get no satisfaction, they may decide on an all-out strike.

Moshavniks sued for IS44m. by bank

BEERSHEBA (Him). — Members of Moshav Sde Moshe in the Lachish region of the Negev were yesterday sued for IS44 million by the Ein Hai bank in district court here.

The 37 members had signed as guarantors on a loan taken out by a moshav committee in 1977. Most of the loan was never paid back and the committee disbanded earlier this year.

A number of moshavim in the Negev have been experiencing severe financial difficulties recently.

Health Ministry reports epidemic of chicken pox

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Chicken pox, a viral disease mainly affecting small children, has reached epidemic proportions in Israel this year.

The Health Ministry's department of epidemiology reports that there were 4,507 cases reported in the first four months of 1984 as compared with a total of 4,151 for all of 1983.

Although in most cases chicken pox is not serious and children recover after a few days, the virus can cause meningitis. Any apparent complications should be reported to the child's doctor at once.

3 teams win defence prizes for weapons research work

By HIRSH GOODMAN

Post Defence Correspondent
Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday awarded three Israel Defence Prizes for outstanding achievements in the field of weapons research and development. At a ceremony at the president's residence in Jerusalem Arens said that the recipients had done much to improve Israel's deterrent capability, which he called "essential, since our goal is to prevent wars, not win them."

The IS100,000 cash prizes, awarded annually in memory of the Hagana, went to development teams from the intelligence corps, the air force and the Weapons Development Authority, Rafael. They were selected from 19 entries by a panel of judges headed by Aluf (res.) Benny Peled.

In addition to the winners, Arens awarded citations for outstanding service by individuals to Israel's defence. These were given to Israel's oldest serving soldier, Tat-Aluf David Laskov, 80, who has received

two Israel Defence Prizes in the past for his work in weapons development; Israel Ben-Artzi, a radar expert who came to Israel in the mid-1960s and has done much to advance Israel in that field, and Alvin Alice, an American citizen who came to Israel 10 years ago with the initial concept around which the IDF developed its pilotless aircraft. Arens called him the "father of the Israeli pilotless aircraft."

The specifics for which the three teams received this year's prize remain, as always, classified. Both Arens and President Herzog said in short addresses that the winners had enabled Israel to obtain essential tools needed for the country's defence, and that they did their work in the shadows, with no desire for prominence.

Other judges were Prof. Yigal Talimi and Prof. Gavriel Goldring. Each year, the prize is awarded to three outstanding individuals or teams, and no person or team may win the prize more than once every five years.

Israel, Jamaica conclude tax treaty

KINGSTON (AFP). — Jamaica and Israel last week signed a treaty to prevent double taxation. It was announced in the island's capital on Saturday evening.

Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Levi said that the accord marks a new stage in relations with Jamaica, which already has such treaties with

the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, West Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Siga noted that there have been a number of joint investments in his country by local firms, both public and private, in partnership with Israelis. They are mostly in agriculture and construction, he said.

Demotion for soldier who shot himself

TEL AVIV (Him). — A soldier who shot himself in the foot in order to be transferred from a combat unit to a unit closer to home was given an eight-month suspended jail sentence by a military court at the weekend and broken in rank from corporal to private.

But the court also rebuked the soldier's superiors and said that by their negligence they also bore some responsibility.

An IDF counsellor testified that before the incident, the soldier came to her and threatened, because of personal problems, to injure himself. She ordered his weapon confiscated and informed his commanding officers of the man's troubles.

But they did nothing except to tell her not to take the affair seriously. The court recommended that the appropriate authorities investigate the behaviour of the soldier's superiors.

12 years in prison for manslaughter

TEL AVIV (Him). — A state's witness in a murder trial who sought to retract his testimony was sentenced to 12 years in jail yesterday in district court here.

Roni Elhu, 21, of Netanya, was convicted of being an accomplice to Nissim Cohen, also of Netanya, in the May 1983 killing of Mibhout Burmad. All three men had criminal records.

The prosecution said that Cohen murdered Burmad, while Cohen set up the fatal meeting and helped

dispose of the body.

After his arrest, Elhu initially cooperated with the prosecution, but then changed his mind and tried to withdraw his testimony against Cohen. The prosecution then threatened to charge Elhu as well with murder. In plea-bargaining with Elhu's lawyers, the charge was reduced to manslaughter.

After sentencing, the court accepted the attorney's request that it ask prison authorities to do all they could to protect Elhu's life.

YADIN FUNERAL

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ancient and modern history. He also spoke of Yadin as being of the "generation of independence" who had been at David Ben-Gurion's side during Israel's darkest days, and who had in a sense carried the destiny of the Jewish people on his shoulders.

The first of the numerous floral tributes was that of the president, followed by a wreath from the Knesset led by Speaker Menachem Begin; the government, represented by Prime Minister Shamir; the Defence Ministry, represented by Defence Minister Arens; and the IDF represented by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Levy.

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis laid a wreath on behalf of the diplomatic corps, and with head bowed, lingered at the foot of the grave.

At the end of the service, opposition leader Shimon Peres, who had arrived just as soldiers were filling the grave, warmly embraced Yosef Yadin and other members of the family. Another latecomer was De-

puty Premier David Levy. Other cabinet ministers present included Yosef Burg, Yuval Ne'uman, Eliezer Shostak and Ariel Sharon. Former cabinet ministers included Yitzhak Rabin, Yigal Hurvitz, Ezer Weizman, Shmuel Tamir, Israel Karmi and Moshe Carmel.

Other mourners included former president Yitzhak Navon, Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, former chief of staff Rafael Eitan, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, former prime minister Menachem Begin's son Benjamin Ze'ev, Hebrew University president Don Patinkin, University chancellor Avraham Harman, vice-rector Amnon Paz, president of the Academy of Sciences Prof. Ephraim Urbach, archaeologists Benjamin Mazar, Nahman Avigad, Yosef Aviram, Trude Dotan, Shmariya Gutman and Yigal Shilo, and Prof. Frank Moore Cross, professor of Semitic languages at Harvard University.

Shamir glorified Yadin at the cabinet meeting yesterday, and the chief of staff praised Yadin in the Order of the Day.

Druse soldiers jailed for stealing weapons

TEL AVIV (Him). — Two Druse soldiers convicted of stealing and selling IDF weapons were sentenced to jail terms at the weekend by a military court of the southern district.

Turai Abu Hamdi Amal and Turai Rafik Muadi were sentenced to five years and 12 years in prison respectively. Amal was convicted of stealing the weapons from IDF bases, and Muadi of selling them to Arabs with criminal records.

In handing down the sentences, the court said that the phenomenon of arms thefts from IDF bases must be noted out.

In another case, a Beduin student was convicted by the district court here of trying to sell an IDF rifle illegally in his possession to a terrorist. In sentencing Jam' al-Murim, 25, to 12 years in jail, the court did not accept his lawyer's contention that the case was similar to that of Aluf (res.) Shmuel Gonen, who was found guilty of possessing a firearm without a permit but whose sentence was suspended.

SPENDING TO SAVE. — The Ma'aleh Adumim local council has won praise from the Energy Ministry for its allocation of IS200,000 this year for energy-saving projects. The ministry also announced a plan to assign recommended energy-use quotas to a wide range of official offices and institutions, starting with government hospitals.

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Kremlin won't link space weapons with nuclear arms U.S. offer on talks rejected

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union yesterday flatly rejected the U.S. offer to add the question of nuclear arms reduction to the agenda of negotiations proposed by the Kremlin on a possible ban on space weapons.

In an official government statement, the news agency Tass charged the proposal to link space weapons talks to nuclear arms issues in general was intended to thwart the Soviet proposal by putting "preliminary conditions" on the talks.

Tass said it was "authorized to

state that the answer of the American administration to the Soviet government's statement (on space weapons) is totally unsatisfactory."

On Friday, the Soviet Union offered to begin talks in Vienna in September on a treaty that would ban the development and deployment of anti-satellite systems and other space weapons.

The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan accepted the offer, but said it wanted to add nuclear arms control issues to the agenda of such talks.

U.S. officials said the move was seen as a way of restarting the Geneva talks on medium-range and strategic arms, which were broken off by the Soviets after NATO began deploying new rockets in Western Europe.

The Soviet Union has refused to resume any nuclear arms talks unless the U.S. and its allies halt the deployment of a planned 572 Pershing 2 and cruise missiles and remove those rockets already in place.

The Tass statement made it clear that this position was still in force.

UK foreign secretary in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP). — British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe arrived in Moscow yesterday, the fourth high-ranking official of a western alliance country to visit the Soviet Union this year in an effort to maintain bilateral ties and seek a thaw in East-West relations.

Howe was greeted at the airport by his Soviet counterpart, Andrei Gromyko, and first talks between the two were scheduled for today. It was not clear if Howe would meet with President Konstantin Chernenko.

The foreign secretary was expected to discuss arms issues in his talks here, and also to dwell on

bilateral relations.

His visit to Moscow comes eight days after the departure of French President Francois Mitterrand, who met with Chernenko and Gromyko. In May, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher came to Moscow for talks with Chernenko, and Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti visited the Soviet capital in April.

The visits by the North Atlantic allies are seen as an effort by the European nations to keep their relations with the Soviet Union as smooth as possible during a period of serious U.S.-Soviet tension, and to seek ways to improve Washington-Moscow relations.



Geoffrey Howe. (CPI)

Bolivia permits plotters to seek asylum

LA PAZ. — Bolivian President Hernan Siles Zuazo, freed unharmful from his home Saturday has praised the army's loyalty to the 19-month-old democratic government during his ordeal.

The 71-year-old leftist leader was released during an army raid on a house in the residential district of Mira Flores. Six people holding him hostage there took refuge in the Argentine Embassy, former Interior Minister Mario Roncal told reporters.

When discovered, the kidnappers were holding a gun to the president's head.

According to one of the soldiers who took part in the rescue operation, the six had asked for asylum in a foreign embassy in exchange for the president's freedom.

Siles Zuazo, looking pale but mil-

ing when he entered the presidential palace after being freed, told national radio his kidnappers were "hired men" and others were really responsible for the plot.

He was met at the palace by cheering aides, relatives, labour leaders, cabinet members and the joint chiefs of staff. Minutes later he appeared at the balcony of the palace, surrounded by machine-gun-toting aides and soldiers.

He told the crowd that "when one is strong there is the capacity to be generous, and for that reason we have left my six captors at the Argentine Embassy."

While the President spoke of five men holding him captive at the warehouse, government officials said as many as 60 soldiers and policemen may have been involved in the plot.

Interior Under-Secretary Gustavo Sanchez said seven military officers

had sought sanctuary in the Venezuelan Embassy. The possible whereabouts of the other conspirators was not given.

Sanchez, wearing army fatigues and holding a machine-gun, told AP at the presidential palace that the Leopards, an elite police unit trained by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, participated in the kidnapping.

The U.S. Embassy in La Paz, however, issued a statement saying that "efforts to stage a coup do not have the support of the U.S. government. The American government has backed and will continue to back the democratic process."

Sources at the Argentine Embassy told AP that the Argentine government had refused the kidnappers' asylum and was trying to arrange safe passage to the Paraguayan Embassy. (AP, Reuters)

Auto production resuming in West Germany

FRANKFURT (AP). — Volkswagen, Mercedes and other West German automakers are resuming production after granting labour a 38.5-hour workweek to settle a seven-week strike in the industry.

VW assembly lines start up today at six domestic plants, the first car builders to go back into production after getting behind by 160,000 cars in forced shutdowns caused by a lack of parts from strike-bound suppliers, a company spokesman said.

Mercedes factories in the Stuttgart area will reopen tomorrow after lagging by 60,000 cars and 16,000 trucks in the conflict, a spokesman said.

Other automakers like BMW and Opel planned startups early next

week, as soon as union rank-and-file members ratify the settlement — almost a foregone conclusion since only 25 per cent have to vote "yes."

"For the auto industry as a whole, the strikes caused a loss of a full production month, or 360,000 cars and trucks worth DM9 billion (\$3.3 billion)," said West German auto industry spokesman Wolfgang Weger.

Most of the losses are "irrecoverable," Weger said.

Nearly 450,000 workers have been idled by strikes, lockouts, layoffs and forced vacations in West Germany's costliest strike in the postwar era.

Metalworker union officials

hailed the compromise signed last Thursday in Stuttgart as a "breakthrough" in labour's battle to end the 40-hour week prevailing in West Germany.

The IG Metall Union had originally demanded a 35-hour workweek without cuts in pay. But management ruled out a five-hour cut, saying it would boost labour costs by up to 20 per cent and price West Germany's goods out of crucial export markets.

The compromise shaving the workweek by an average of 90 minutes starting next April 1 was adopted by union and management negotiators in the Frankfurt area metal industry over the weekend.

Mobutu call for non-Arab African organization slammed

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP). — The biggest selling newspaper here, *The Sunday Mail*, yesterday denounced a proposal by Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko for a new Black Africa organization of states that would exclude Arab governments.

"This call, a call for submission to Zionist-imperialist pressures, must be promptly denounced and rejected," the *Mail*, controlled by the state-owned Mass Media Trust, said in an editorial.

Mobutu, in an interview with

Senegal's daily *Le Soleil* newspaper, Friday called on black states to break away from the African-Arab Organization of African Unity to form a new organization excluding Arab states.

Guatemala moves to civilian rule

GUATEMALA CITY (Reuters). — Guatemalans voted yesterday for an 88-member constituent assembly intended to engineer a return to civilian government after 30 years of military rule.

The assembly will be given a mandate to draft a new constitution and pave the way for presidential elections next year.

An electoral official said that no more than half Guatemala's 2.5 million voters were expected to show up at the polls. Voting was to end at 7 p.m. (5 a.m. today in Israel) and final results were expected about five hours later.

Sale of liquor was banned from Saturday night until this morning. Guatemala's military leader, General Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores, who came to power in a coup last August, had promised that the elections would be clean.

But since a coup sponsored by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency ended 10 years of democratic rule in Guatemala in 1954, fraudulent elections, death-squad violence and deep social and economic inequalities have dominated the Guatemalan political scene.

Left-wing guerrillas dubbed the elections a farce and said they were staged for international consumption. But the rebels, weakened by a tough two-year counter-insurgency campaign, had not threatened to disrupt the vote.

Scotland Yard hunts robbers in Spain

LONDON (Reuters). — British detectives hunting robbers who stole £32 million (\$43 million) in gold, jewels and banknotes, are carrying out investigations in Spain, police said Saturday.

Deputy Assistant Police Commissioner David Powis said Scotland Yard detectives were engaged in inquiries in Spain but refused to confirm or deny that suspects had been identified in the Marbella area of the Costa del Sol.

The *Sunday Times* newspaper said five London men connected with two of Britain's biggest robberies had been traced to southern Spain and were living in luxury there.

Armed robbers stole £25m. (\$34m.) worth of gold bullion and jewels from a strongroom near London's Heathrow Airport last November, dousing a man with petrol to force him to cooperate.

In April 1983, £7m. (\$9m.) in banknotes was stolen from a London security firm and again a man was soaked with petrol before agreeing to open the vaults.

Von Weizsaecker becomes president

BONN (AP). — Richard von Weizsaecker, the former West Berlin mayor, was sworn in yesterday as West Germany's sixth president.

Weizsaecker, a 64-year-old Christian Democrat was elected last May 23 with a large majority by the federal convention, an assembly which meets every five years to name a president.

He replaced Karl Carstens, 69, another conservative who is retiring from active politics after serving five years in the largely ceremonial post.

Poll gives Reagan big lead over Mondale

NEW YORK (Reuters). — President Reagan has a commanding 19-point lead over his probable Democratic rival Walter Mondale in his bid for re-election in November, according to a Gallup poll published yesterday.

The poll, taken between June 22 and 25, gave Reagan the support of 56 per cent of those questioned and Mondale 37 per cent with 7 per cent undecided.

Liechtenstein women win the right to vote

VADUZ, Liechtenstein (AP). — Male voters in Liechtenstein, a tiny constitutional monarchy with a population of 26,000, yesterday narrowly granted women the right to vote.

With about 85 per cent of the electorate voting, 2,370 men, or 51.3 per cent, voted in favour of women's suffrage, with 2,251, or 48.7 per cent, voting against.

Sarah Vaughan sings pope's lyrics in premiere

DUSSELDORF, West Germany (AP). — Sarah Vaughan, accompanied by a jazz band led by Francy Boland and an orchestra directed by Lalo Schiffrin, performed songs to the lyrics of Pope John Paul II in what the organizers said was a world premiere here Saturday.

The texts of six poems written by Karol Wojtyla while he was still a priest in his native Poland were put to music by Italian composers Tio Fontana and Santa Pafano, both of Milan, and Boland.

Gigi Campi, the Italian producer of the project, said the songs and the standing and tolerance to the world.

Sports

Israeli Olympic Squad

Medal hopes at LA Games rest with 470 class yachtsmen

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A much coveted Olympic medal may finally come Israel's way — depending on performances on a stretch of the Pacific Ocean in just one month's time.

It is the yachtsmen Eytan Friedlander and Shimon Brockman in their "470" Class boat who will carry Israel's highest hopes as they glide and bob along the waves off Long Beach. The two young men, who served together in the Israel Navy and who crewed their way to third place in the 1983 world championships and second spot in the European championships in 1982 have been sailing in the past weeks in the seas where the Olympic sailing events will take place.

They will return here themselves before the complete Olympic squad takes off for Los Angeles on July 15, but have left behind in California their coach, Yair Michaeli. His job is to continue logging tides, currents, the strength of waves and winds. With a bit of luck during their seven days of racing, Brockman and Friedlander will have similar sailing conditions to those off Israel's coast where they have been practising for years. The pair were Israel's first selections for the last Olympics, as well, when they were due to sail in the Baltic Sea. They ended up as deeply disappointed as all athletes whose participation in the "Moscow Olympics" was called off at the last moment for political reasons.

Earlier, Brockman and Friedlander were also world class sailors in the smaller "420" Class craft, but that is not included in the Olympics.

According to reports from coach Michaeli, Brockman and Friedlander are in peak condition and are raring to go. He confidently expects "a top place" for Israel's foremost sporting seamen.

Sailing in the 470-Class yacht may not engender the mass enthusiasm that Esther Shachamov-Roth had behind her as a sprinter and hurdler in Munich in 1972 and Montreal in 1976 — when she finished 6th in the 110 metres hurdles — but they may get closer to an Olympic medal than any Israeli athlete has yet done.

Not in the same class but also sailing for Israel in the "Flying Dutchman" event will be Yoel Sela and Eldad Amir. They took 32nd place among 60 boats in last year's world championships. They will have done well to finish in the top 20 in the Olympiad.

The "top third" criterion guided Israel's sports officials when they set their "Olympic minimums" two and half years ago, which every athlete had to better if he was to be

considered for selection to the Olympic team. The selectors reiterated this policy with the kind of monotony repetition heard from finance ministers declaring there will be no currency devaluation. At the last minute, however, policy was adapted to reality. Consequently, the enlarged size of the delegation to Los Angeles — 27 athletes and 16 coaches, with further selections expected — has come under criticism.

In every event in which performances could be measured in time, distance and results, the Olympic minimum was set with the aim of getting Israel's athletes into the upper third tier among all Olympic competitors, says Uri Afek, the enthusiastic director general of the Israeli Olympic team. That noble sentiment is hardly likely to be followed through in practice.

The final naming of the Israel team will be after the national track and field championships next weekend.

The "water sports" segment of the Israeli contingent thus includes two unknowns in Yehuda Atagi, 24, Israel's wind surfing champion, and Aviram Mizrahi, in canoeing. Wind surfing is making a bow in an Olympiad for the first time. Atagi, the son of a ship's captain, has been involved in sea sports from his Michmoret home since the age of 12.

Aviram Mizrahi, 23, of Hapoel Tel Aviv, will be Israel's first Olympic canoe entrant. He is currently on an extensive European tour in order to gain international competitive experience, and his coach, Michael Ailgushvili, has reported to IOC headquarters here that his protégé is "going from strength to strength."

None of Israel's swimmers has bettered the "minimums", but Yoram Cochavi and Eyal Stigman have been added to the squad for their grit and determination. Cochavi claims a best of 2:09.17 minutes in the 200m. medley, just short of the 2:08.8 minutes minimum. Stigman, in the 200m. breast-stroke, is half a second short of the minimum.

Still hoping for a place in the Olympic team is 16-year-old Hadar Rubinstein, the Kiryat Ono water-babe. She is a freestyle and butterfly swimmer who might just better a minimum in the Seven Nations meet in Scotland next week. Hadar is still improving under expert coaching at a Los Angeles high school, where she has been placed for one year.

Israel will have runners in both the men's and women's marathons, Zahava Shmueli, the 29-year-old mother of two, has decisively bettered the 2:45.0 hours minimum by five minutes and was an automatic choice for the team. Her form has peaked at

precisely the right time.

A latecomer on the scene is Shemtov Sabag, 25, who has been improving with every run, whilst the veteran distance runner Yair Carni appears now to be past his best. Mark Handelsman, 23, the UCLA dentistry student, returned here for an impressive run in the 800 metres against international opposition on May 1. He was hoping for a 1:44 minute run in the Olympics, which might see him through early heats in one of the most competitive of all track and field events in the entire L.A. Olympiad.

Acie Gamliel is among the latest additions to the squad, his selection for the 10,000 metres being reward for trying very hard indeed over a long period. He remains well short though of the 25.38 minutes minimum.

Better things are expected of Eddie Kozak in lightweight judo and of bantamweight boxer Yehuda Ben Haim, a diminutive 48 kilo scrapper. How far they get depends on the luck of the draw. They look better prospects than the 22-year-old Russian born Shlomo Niasov (60 kilos) in boxing and the heavier Moshe Pont (78 kilos) in judo, who awaits the results of a fitness test before being finally named to join the trip.

Napoleon could not conquer Acre, but the Chameleons have — with their foils. No fewer than three Chameleons, two brothers and a sister, all of Hapoel Acre, will be wearing the Israeli blazer in Los Angeles. Yitzhak, 24, was an early choice for the fencing team whilst his 22-year-old sister Lidya was named for the squad last week. Their elder brother, Haim, will be coaching the squad, which includes also Shlomi Eyal and Nili Drori, 26, the only athlete in the entire Israeli team who can claim previous Olympic competition — in Montreal eight years ago.

Seventeen year old gymnast Nancy Goldschmidt is an "import" to the Israel squad from the U.S., where she is a high school student. Nancy was a gold medalist (for the U.S.) at the last Maccabiah Games, where she caught the fancy of Israel's gymnast selectors.

Other members of the Israel squad are: marriesman Yair Derdikovitz and Yitzhak Yoni — Israel has traditionally been well represented in Olympic shooting — weightlifter Meir Daluz, a Yehuda Yehuda Mizrahi and judo giant Las Haimovitch, long jumper Meir Ben-Zur, while Anne Mendeloff has been invited to an exhibition tennis tourney for players to the age of 21.

Other Israeli who will be officially at the Los Angeles Games but outside the framework of the Israel team are five referees — David Opan (basketball), Uri Ben-Yoni (fencing), and gymnastic coaches Nahum Feinstein, Cady Hershkowitz and Rachel Sapar.

Record-breaker

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. — Swimmer Hadar Rubenstein and gymnast Ya'acov Levi and Limor Friedman all achieved the required Olympic minimums in their respective sports over the weekend, to secure their places in Israel's Los Angeles Olympic team.

Rubenstein, 17, achieved a new Israeli record for the 200-m butterfly, when she clocked 2 minutes, 19.50 seconds at the annual "eight-nations swimming" competition, this year held in Cardiff, thus bettering the minimum.

Israel's water-polo team beat Wales 5-4. After the first day of the two-day meet, Israel was in sixth place in the standings among the eight countries competing, with 52 points. Trailing the Israelis are host-nations Wales two points adrift, and Belgium, on 33 points. Scotland leads the table, with 77 points, followed in turn by Switzerland, Spain, Poland and Norway.

Levi and Friedman scored their successes at an international gymnastic competition in Bucharest.

Since the Israel Olympic Committee announced the names of a second group of sportsmen for Los Angeles 10 days ago, four more athletes passed the minimum for selection set by them. The team for Los Angeles now comprises a total of 27 men and women.

Several more sportsmen may still be added to the contingent, with a few hoping to achieve the Olympic standard at next weekend's annual track and field championships in Tel Aviv.

MEETING. — South African Foreign Minister R.F. Botha held a three-hour meeting in the Mozambican capital of Maputo with President Samora Machel on Saturday night. Details of the talks were not disclosed.

Road up for Perkins

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. — Israel's new tennis hero, Shahar Perkins, 21, has won some £1,750 in prize money and a dozen invaluable ATP computer points for his first-round singles victory at Wimbledon last week. The points will lift him to around 135 in the world singles rankings, representing a giant leap of more than 300 places up the standings in only nine months.

Perkins also shared \$250 with his Davis Cup team-mate Amos Mansdorf, as opening-round losers in the men's doubles event. Perkins and Mansdorf are now playing in the \$25,000 ATP "challenger series" in West Germany.

Wimbledon rest day

Yesterday was a rest day at Wimbledon. Today's fourth-round matches include McEnroe vs. Connors; Lendl vs. Dabbs; Connors vs. Mayotte; Aris vs. Smith; Golem vs. Moor; Curran vs. Cash; Gernat vs. Sedri; Kreek against qualifier Paul Anacone. In women's fourth-round play, it will be Navratilova vs. Sayers; Lloyd vs. Kildebe; Mandlikova vs. Sakonari; Sharif vs. Patten; Jordan vs. Turnbull; Maleeva vs. Hobbs; Duffie vs. Graf; Temesvari vs. Qualifier Caroline Markson.

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No undertaking is given to accept the highest or any bid.

Gooch needed

Post Sports Staff
Yesterday was a rest day in the second cricket Test at Lord's between England and the West Indies, with the match liable to go either way. A lot will depend on whether Ian Botham can follow up his magnificent bowling with some comparable batting in England's second innings today.

Meanwhile, everyone is wondering what would have happened if Graham Gooch had not been under suspension for playing against South Africa in Geoff Boycott's team. In county cricket, he made 227 against Hampshire and 131 against Yorkshire in consecutive innings. In his latter innings, he hit three sixes and 18 fours. In the days before he was banned, he frequently pounded a West Indian pace attack every ball as good as the present one. He might have made all the difference to the present series, if he had been allowed to open the innings for England.

Nick and the Bear

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP). — Front-running Nick Price squandered a shot in the water on the 18th hole but managed to retain four strokes of his big lead on Saturday in the third round of the 75th Canadian Open golf tournament with 217 for 54 holes.

Jack Nicklaus, the man who designed the course as a permanent site for the Canadian national championship, shot a 69 — despite a 5-putt bogey on the final hole — and moved into a tie for second at 211.

In Rochester, Arnold Palmer felt as far as these days have been but survived a trouble-filled front nine and managed to keep a one-stroke lead over Miller Barber after Saturday's third round of the U.S. Senior Open Championship, Aviv.

RAIN. — More than 15 centimetres of rain fell on parts of New York City on Saturday, closing Kennedy Airport, flooding major roadways and delaying several city subway lines.

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THE INVITATION to visit Portoroz in Yugoslavia came from Yosef Engender, general manager of the Melia travel agency in Israel.

"We're going to develop the place for Israeli tourists. Nobody in Israel knows it, unless he happened to be born in Trieste."

It is, in fact, just around the corner from Trieste, 15 km. across the border in Yugoslavia and "Europeans love it. So will the Israelis, once they discover it." Accordingly, a group of Israeli journalists set out recently to discover Portoroz, Istria, and Zagreb. It was the first taste of Yugoslavia for all of them - and it proved quite different from what they had expected.

The road to Yugoslavia today leads through Italy. When the tour, expected to begin at the end of June, get underway, a Sandor charter will take visitors from Ben Gurion to Trieste Airport, where a bus to Portoroz will collect them. Our group, however, had to reach Trieste via Rome.

And a minibus was indeed waiting, complete with a youthful guide, fluent enough in English and German.

Our visas, arranged via telex by the Yugoslav tourist authorities, should have been ready at the Yugoslav checkpoint. No problem, we were assured. Unfortunately, no one had thought to inform the militia at the checkpoint.

The result: an irritating hour spent cooling our heels at the barrier, while our guide, the driver, and the tour leader all negotiate with the authorities. Our frustration is not eased by the fact that scores of private cars meanwhile speed off towards Yugoslavia after only a short halt at the checkpoint.

Suddenly the barrier lifts. Deliverance has come. It seems that the head of the tourist organization called on the Minister of the Interior, who also controls the border police.

"Bureaucracy..." our guide shakes her head resignedly. It happens. Somebody forgot to send the cable to the right place. We'll try and see it doesn't happen again.

The Yugoslavs appear to treat their bureaucracy as one would a phenomenon of nature. Patience overcomes all. After the winter comes the spring.

PORTOROZ does turn out to be a delightful place. The Austrians discovered it a century ago and built a pretentious baroque hotel overlooking the bay. The new hotels are modern, angular structures, with dashes of originality.

Hotel Metropol, a multi-storied building painted in dark ochre, serves as an eating place for the smaller hotels around it. It boasts a swimming pool and a casino, which incorporates a juke box hall, very popular with the locals, if the attendance on the Sunday we were there is anything to go by.

IF AMERICAN JEWS in general and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in particular have any preferences about the Israeli elections, Kenneth Bialkin, incoming chairman of the group usually known as the Presidents Conference, isn't giving any hints.

The suave, 55-year-old, senior partner in a large Wall Street law firm, who is moving into the role from his position as chairman of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, is soft-spoken, restrained and extremely cautious about what he says. The man who will be acting as the virtual spokesman for the organized American Jewish community for the crucial year following both the Israeli and the U.S. elections is hoping that his tenure will be uneventful.

"If the Alignment wins and changes Israel's policies, we will support them; if the Likud wins and pursues a strong line in the West Bank, we will get behind them." Whoever is the winner, American Jews, both as individuals and organizationally, "will celebrate Israeli democracy."

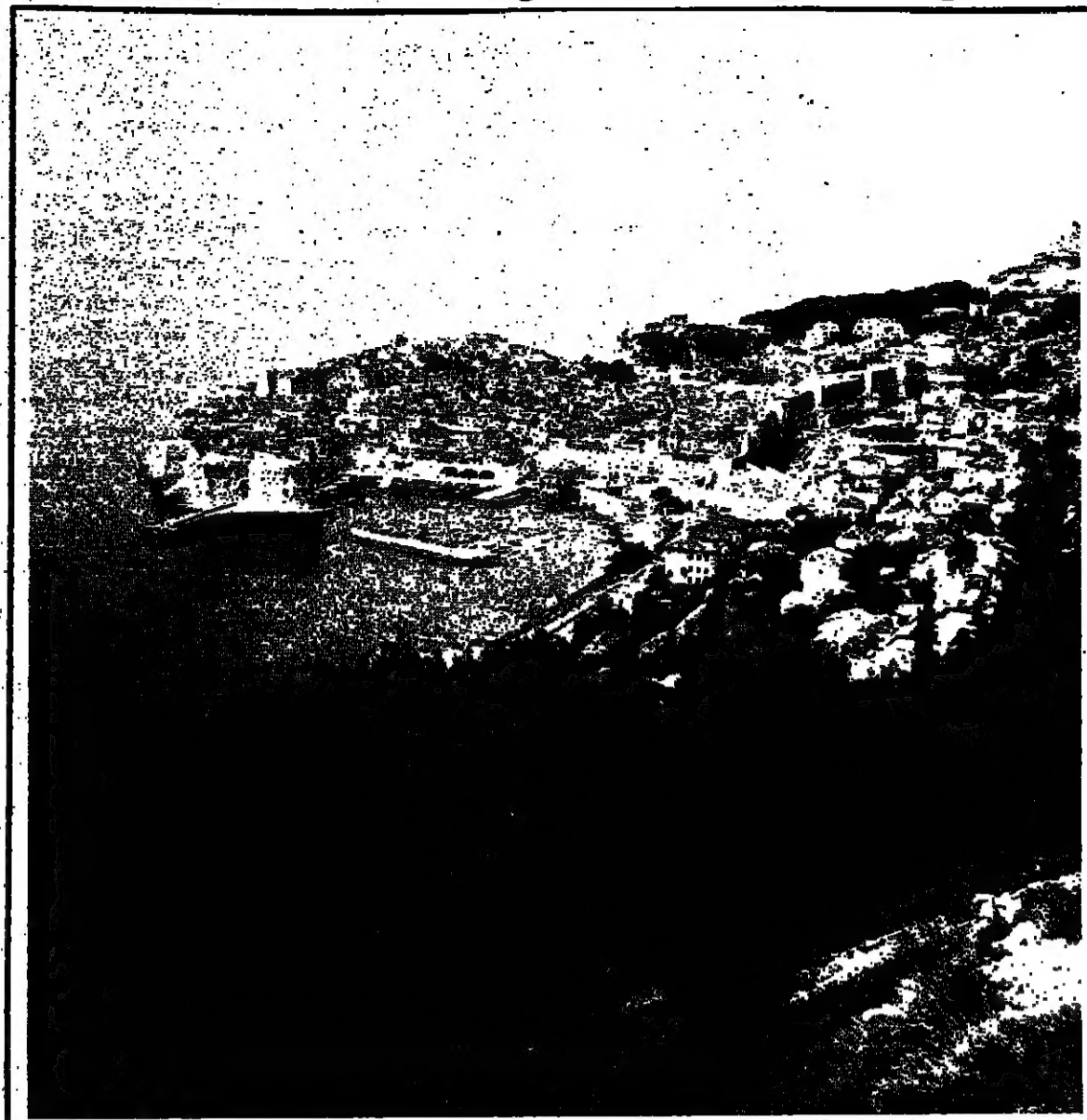
"I don't even want to hint a preference for one or the other," he stressed during a meeting this week with members of The Jerusalem Post's editorial staff in Jerusalem.

Cautel to distinguish the interests of the Conference from those of the A.L.L., he sees the most important frame of reference of the Conference in supporting the Jewish people, the people of Israel and Israel's democracy.

"On a personal level I might have reservations about specific measures or policies of the Israeli government but within an organizational capacity one has to look for elements of consensus. Even in the past few

Zagreb and elsewhere

SRAYA SHAPIRO finds Yugoslavia something of a surprise.



The casino, however, seems mostly frequented by Italians.

There is a small shopping centre near the sea, and a landing place for yachts and sailboats. And a disco, located in a vast, brightly lit hall decorated with...stuffed cats. The bulk of tourists in Europe today are disco-loving young people. Survival means bowing to reality.

Nonetheless, Portoroz manages to keep its other entertainments within the stately bounds of last century. A folk-dance evening is *de rigueur* for the tourist, and it turns out to be a very well-conceived show, danced with woe in colourful costumes and with fine direction.

And a trip to Piran, a maritime village preserved intact around a medieval square and a bulky baroque town hall, at the tip of the little

peninsula on which Portoroz lies, is strongly recommended.

Venetian and Austrian painted facades almost stick to one another along narrow streets, with stores carved into some of them.

The place is spotlessly clean. Piped Italian music pours out of open windows (Italian is one of the official languages of Istria.) The *sladoled* (ice cream) sold in cones is very good. The atmosphere is quiet, provincial, delightful.

Postojnska jama, pronounced *postojnska jama* (the cave), is the biggest tourist attraction in the area.

Located near the townlet of Postojna, the largest stalactite and stalagmite cave in the world is totally commercialized. The tourist is proudly informed that 20,000,000 people have visited it since 1818; indeed, the square (in front of) the

grotto fairly swarms with people. A 19th century palace-like building houses a number of cafeterias, plus an excellent gourmet restaurant for those visitors who can afford it.

The cave attracts not only foreigners; one can easily spot the peasant women in their black dresses and kerchiefs. Strangely, the Japanese tourist is not conspicuous here, as he is elsewhere.

Do the Russians come? Not often, we are told, and always in tightly-knit groups. The majority of visitors are Germans, mainly West Germans.

You are advised to hire a cape, made of a coarse, military-type material, for the temperature is a constant eight degrees Centigrade and the ceilings drip water. The descent into the cave is by a long narrow train.

Jackson accepted, but never actually appeared.

Bialkin stressed that there are issues between blacks and Jews, but that relations are no worse than those that exist between blacks and whites outside the Jewish community. Moreover, he noted, many black leaders, especially legislators, are very favourable to Israel and are not "caught up in Third World rhetoric." Polls have shown, in fact, that it was Jewish voters who helped many of the black mayors of large American cities attain office.

And yet, it appears that whatever Democratic presidential candidates may say, the re-election of Ronald Reagan is a foregone conclusion. There are, he notes, two different views on how Reagan will act in relation to Israel after the election.

According to one view, without the pressure of concern over public opinion for re-election, the president will exert far more pressure on Israel. The other view predicts that Reagan will feel free to support Israel.

As to which is more probable, the even-cautious Bialkin would not say.

Chief supporter

By HAIM SHAPIRO/Jerusalem Post Reporter

years, when there was a great deal of ferment in the American Jewish community, the Presidents Conference was able to come up with unity and statements that all parts of the community could agree on.

An example of one issue which interests Jews as Americans is the question of whether the American Embassy here should be moved to Jerusalem. Conceding that the issue was, perhaps, not winnable, he stressed that once it was introduced, by Senator Patrick Moynihan of New York, the Jewish community had to make its voice felt as a matter of principle.

Could American Jews tolerate assertions that its loyalties were divided, that they were working "against American interests," even were such assertions to come from the President of the United States? "American society is multi-faceted and the president is not always right. One of the worst things a citizen of a free country can do is to accept what the government says without question."

Bialkin was then posed with the question of what exactly "American interest" meant. What might be crucial to the existence of Israel could be of only marginal interest to the U.S. "American society won't founder over issues vital to Israel," he noted.

Among the many groups whose voice is being heard in America today are, of course, Arab groups in the U.S. Bialkin conceded that "we don't know that much about them."

particularly their sources of financing. But he added that the Arabs in the U.S. are a very diverse community, the most apparent division being between Christians and Moslems.

Another disturbing voice for Jews in the U.S. is that of the black community. Jews are both concerned and angry about remarks made by the candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, Jesse Jackson. Bialkin was careful to distinguish between Jackson's criticism of Israel and his tendency to cast anti-Semitic slurs.

HE NOTED that it was not the duty of the Presidents Conference to fight anti-Semitism, a job that was carried out by the ADL and other groups. In fact, when the campaign began, the Conference invited all the candidates to come and state their views.

Promoter of culture

Jerusalem Post Reporter JACOB SONNTAG, the founder and editor of the *Jewish Quarterly* for more than 40 years, died in London last week.

Sonntag, a leading figure in Anglo-Jewish cultural life, was born in Bukovina, Rumania, in 1905. He grew up in Vienna and spent time as a *halutz* in Palestine and a journalist in Prague. He arrived in London in 1939, and along with other European Jewish refugees was temporarily interned on the Isle of Man. After his release he joined an active group of refugee intellectuals who wanted

to promote a non-sectarian Jewish culture in Britain.

Sonntag was well known as a translator, particularly of Yiddish poetry and Hebrew. He introduced the English reading public to contemporary Hebrew writers, particularly in two recently published books, *Jewish Writing* and *New Writing from Israel* which he edited.

He also fostered British Jewish writers, such as Arnold Wesker, Danny Abse and Chaim Bermant. Sonntag is survived by his wife Batya and his two daughters, Maya Landau, a Jerusalem criminologist, and Ruth Baruch, of London.

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SOME DAYS you get utterly fed up with this country. You're disgusted with the government and every single minister in it, exasperated with the endless red tape, offended by people's sloppiness, vulgarity, lack of consideration, annoyed by the mess and litter everywhere.

And then Mario arrives. Mario is a young Mexican scientist here for some conference or other, to which he's tagged on a little holiday of his own. He's a bright young man and, not being Jewish, he is utterly unresentful about Israel. And he loves it.

He has, says Mario, seen more beautiful people here than anywhere else he's been, especially girls. He is the kind of tourist who talks to anyone and everyone - cabbies, museum attendants, salesmen, and especially girls - and he says people here are so open, so friendly, so helpful. So inquisitive too, which he finds amusing.

Our food, Mario says, and he comes from the land of taco and chili con carne, is delicious: he gorges himself on falafel, humus and tahina; and even plain buckwheat, which he's never heard of either and I cook for him kasha-style; he eats and asks for more.

And we're such a clean people, says Mario. We shower every day, and while it's true our streets can't compare with those of Zurich, the inside of every house he's been too was spotless, with dusted furniture and shining floor tiles. We listen to Mario, pleased but amazed, and at the weekend take him to Masada for the sake of the dramatic story, the view, and the sheer gratification of having him around.

The fact is that Mario has brought out an odd ambivalence in our feelings about this country. On the one hand, we're inordinately proud of it, and on the other tend to disparage it and ourselves. We boast of our achievements, but are surprised every time we find a locally made product better than its foreign counterpart. We are delighted when reading somewhere that we are among the most advanced in the medical application of laser rays, or in solar energy development, but in our heart of hearts we don't quite believe it. Or we do and belittle it, saying yes, but that's just an incidental by-product of military R&D.

We are told over and over by foreigners that what we've accomplished in 36 years is a miracle, but we ourselves speak of making the desert bloom in inverted commas by way of an ironical snigger. We can't take praise, it seems, though heaven help anyone who dares find fault with us.

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Price of profligacy

THE drastic fall during the last month in Israel's foreign currency reserves, reported yesterday by the Governor of the Bank of Israel, evidently represents the bill for the elections.

That bill is composed not only of the direct government payments into the economy in the form of increased subsidies and the like, which the government deployed to create a false sense of public well-being for electoral purposes. It also derives from all the necessary measures that were not taken, because of the elections, but which Mr. Gonen-Orgad understands must now be urgently implemented.

Until now it was routine to identify Yoram Aridor, the architect of the Likud's election economics in 1981, as the chief squanderer of the public purse for partisan political purpose. But the drain on the country's foreign reserves announced yesterday — which of course only made official what the government knew all along — shows that the title of profligate extraordinary should be transferred to the Shamir government, including the finance minister.

During the election campaign, Mr. Cohen-Orgad simply abdicated from his ministerial responsibility and assumed a responsibility that has no legal or statutory standing — plunderer of the exchequer for the sake of his party. And now he would call on the public, and especially salaried employees, to tighten their belts and pay the costs.

It would only be just if that forthcoming exercise in denial were reserved for the bumptious partisans who argued all the way into the polling booths that "we've never had it so good."

But we will all foot the bill. What that bill is, was made plain by Governor Mandelbaum yesterday. His statement about the urgent need for the government to take drastic steps to cut expenditure, curb inflation, and stem the decline in our foreign reserves is a plain and simple denunciation of the existing policies that were exacerbated during the election run-up.

Moreover, it is a statement of alarm not only at home; it will also cause alarm abroad where the matter of Israel's solvency is of intense interest.

The governor is to be commended for speaking out and for doing whatever the Bank of Israel can to avert economic disaster.

Unfortunately, that is less than it should be able to do. For one of the other notable achievements of Mr. Aridor was to emasculate the central bank. In the more distant past, the Bank of Israel was an independent force in its own right monitoring and restraining government tendencies to overspend.

The Likud, but especially Mr. Aridor, could not abide such independence, especially from a bank he paranoically associated with the opposition.

So today the Bank of Israel is largely a demoralized appendage of government, whose veteran cadre have resigned to go elsewhere. This vacuum itself helped make it possible for the government to print money to its heart's content, as if there were no tomorrow.

Mr. Shamir evidently understands the crisis well enough. He also understands what must be done. This did not prevent him from approving his party's election propaganda claim that recession was a devious Labour plot.

But now he fears that he and his party, if restored to power, would have to eat their words. He is anxious, therefore, for a unity government, to share the responsibility for Likud mismanagement with his political foes.

He is also anxious to do it quickly, lest the Likud may not have anything left to govern.

This is the true background to the Likud-Labour summit talks now underway. Emergency government intervention in the economy is the highest priority. Cohen-Orgad's stop-gap measures are no substitute.

Such intervention requires a broad government. Mr. Shamir and his party, who authored the crisis, are not embarrassed to demand that under their direction, Labour should now help in bailing them out. That is called national responsibility. A better term would be gall.

True national responsibility would dictate that Mr. Shamir offer his help and his party to enable a unity government led by someone else to get the country out of the mess they wilfully created.

The present Labour-Likud talks will reveal whether the citizenry will get the government it deserves or the government it needs.

KAHANE SPURNED

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president reconsider his decision not to invite him.

Kahane arrived at Beit Hanassi, accompanied by two supporters, shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday, after previously announcing his intentions to the press.

Dozens of security men and police, who had been tipped off, were at the ready when Kahane arrived. He was told that he was not on the list of those invited to the residence, and was asked to leave. Kahane, firmly but quietly, said that Herzog was "not fit" to be president, since he intended to include members of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Communists) and the Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace List in the consultations. Kahane reiterated his threat to return and to "break into" Beit Hanassi.

A short time later, Kahane was a subject of conversation in Herzog's meetings with the Tehiya faction. They told reporters later that they told Herzog "the normal thing" would be to consult all factions. But if Kahane had to be excluded, the president should also ban representatives of the P.L.P. since "their

programme violates fundamental law in Israel and gets its inspiration from the PLO Charter, which advocates the destruction of Israel," said the Tehiya Knesset members.

Gaula Cohen said that Tehiya will press for the removal of television cameras from the Knesset plenum, so that the house will not serve as a platform for the PLO. She added that the government coalition should not be dependent on Kahane's vote.

The Israel Broadcasting Authority Board of Directors yesterday approved a directive from Director-General Uri Porat on items connected with Kahane. The directive is designed to ensure that the government authority is not used for incitement against any of the nation's citizens, or for statements contrary to the Proclamation of Independence.

The news directors of both TV and radio have been instructed to ensure that coverage of Kahane conforms with strict news value. The policy was implemented on Israel Television's Mabab newsreel last night, when Kahane was shown failing to enter the president's residence; but his remarks were neither broadcast nor reported.

WEIZMAN

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would be able to compromise its principles such as belief in the Whole Land of Israel. Weizman said that while this had always been one of the Likud's principles, in 1979 the government had signed away all of Sinai. "Sometimes you take steps you cannot foresee," he said.

Asked for his view on the "Who is a Jew" controversy, Weizman said he supports the amendment, but "the sages of the Jewish world must find a solution to prevent a split in the Jewish world as a result of this amendment."

He emphatically rejected the idea of amnesty for Jewish terrorists. "If

they violated the law, they must be punished," he said.

He rejected "territorial compromise," but said he supports autonomy as agreed on in the Camp David accords.

Weizman said the president should invite Kach leader Meir Kahane to Beit Hanassi like all the other factions. "If Kahane violates the law, he should be tried and punished. As long as he does not violate the law, he must be treated democratically. Kahane can be controlled by democratic means. Trying to keep him out and ignoring him will only increase his power," said Weizman.

ON EZER WEIZMAN, by a call of history and through a trick of our electoral system, has fallen the heavy mantle of the country's destiny. Will he see beyond power-broker coalition arithmetic?

This clarion call of history, by or not by chance, has also fallen unwittingly upon the Liberals. Not just the Liberal Party as such, but liberals, the distant, perhaps too distant heirs of Chaim Weizmann, if such they consider themselves. Or what else is liberalism?

Is it coincidence that two odious events, two disparate penalties have converged and fallen upon us — the rearing of the ugly head of fascism and the abortive elections — to stammer out the voice of Israel (and by extension, of the Jewish people)? Is there a hidden meaning? Only time will tell.

But we, in the year 1984, have not time and cannot risk time's verdict. The risks and dangers are too great for second thoughts.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS loudly at the door of Ezer Weizman, who is not unknown for his courage and individualist dedication. But it is also knocking, my pounding, at the door of the Liberals, both in terms of the national interest and their own future and self-respect.

TWO SENIOR Israeli officials have recently been in Washington to discuss with the U.S. authorities various questions relating to the proposed new Iraqi-Jordanian oil pipeline. The idea behind the pipeline, which is to carry oil from the Kirkuk refinery through Jordan to the Gulf of Akaba, is to free Iraqi oil-exports (most of which have in the past flowed to the Mediterranean via Syria), from the permanent threat of politically-motivated Syrian stoppages which has happened, since the outbreak of the Iraqi-Iranian war.

If the pipeline is actually constructed, Israel would find herself an "interested party" in more than one aspect. First there is the ecological question: Akaba, immediately south of where the new oil-terminus will be located, lies within a few hundred metres of Eilat and no political border drawn on a map can neutralize the potentially harmful environmental effects which the operation of super-tankers so near to our shores would have.

The special situation relating to Akaba and Eilat — two towns geographically close to each other, but very far apart politically — has created other ecological problems, the most recent being the Jordanian decision to build new waste-disposal installations next-door to most of Eilat's tourist facilities.

The future for both the Jordanian

Weizman and the Liberals must now — quickly — get together, regardless of later patronage details, in order to bring about a stable coalition government under the Alignment, be it for one year, two, or whatever, and save the country's, and their own, honour.

Honour refers to that incubus amongst us, as represented by the name Kahane. This man, called rabbi (somehow it does not bother our rabbis who do not even ask who gave Kahane the title, who ordained him?) has already contaminated over 20,000 voters, and who knows how many more in future?

There is no need to question Weizman's credentials. He popularly symbolizes the best in that loose term "sabra." But the Liberals? Are they turned off by the obscenity called Kahane or Kach? I cannot believe they are not.

POLITICALLY, they must know that this will be their last term in power, on the coat-tails of Herut, and that their future is mortgaged.

They must also know that for their masters, Herut, Kahane is no cause for concern, just another rightist politician.

Take Mr. Shamir. When pressed

By SHALOM COHEN

about Kahane on Israel Television last week, he suddenly dropped his electioneering bombast. How he waffled, as if the Kahane phenomenon were merely the reverse side of Peace Now or Mapam.

Later, for the foreign media, but not for home consumption, he waffled on, but was forced to admit that in a democracy all sorts of crazies had entry. But he followed this up with the operative phrase that we must put up with it (*lehashlim*). Apparently, the Kahane bacillus does not excite the Herut leader.

Even Tehiya, whose leader, Prof. Ne'eman, imagines himself as a generalissimo of an invincible third superpower, and Gula Cohen, local Joan of Arc willing to have us all sacrificed on the stake of her personal mystical vision — even they were at least a little embarrassed by the Kahanism in our midst. But not that much embarrassed to speak up for the spirit of decency and Jewish values.

ARE THESE the people with whom Weizman and the Liberals are ready to make common cause? This is the larger issue facing Ezer Weizman, the Liberals and others. Are they hack politicians or are they real

people, of a real Israel?

If some of the Liberals, with portfolios in hand as promised by Herut, prefer the plastic armchairs of office to Israel and Jewish destiny, so be it. But let the others, surely the Liberal majority, get out and get out quick. And let the Alignment encourage them, make it beneficial for the future of their Liberal Party, which now, as a sponger on Herut, has none.

By chance — or not — the political circumstances are disposed in the national favour, if seized upon. Let the Liberals, all or part, break away from their incompatible master, Herut, and form a separate Knesset faction. And then the same or next day let them form a bloc with Ezer Weizman's Yahad Party to create their long-wished-for centre party. Then, or later, Weizman will become the head of a virile centrist force on the Israeli political scene.

This centrist bloc should join the Alignment in establishing a stable government able to push through the measures needed to ensure our long-term security, and economic and true Zionist aspirations.

THE SAME message can also be applied to the religious factions,

where religion is not a cover for *askanau*. It applies especially, and puts on the spot, the National Religious Party — erstwhile and long-time partner of the progressive forces in Israel.

The NRP can break away from its recent aberration of alignment with Herut, even if Dr. Burg the wise, at whose age one could expect a rise to higher prophetic levels, continues to abide by his Halacha, the tractate "Chairs of Power."

The message can also be directed at Tami, Shas and any other.

They can, of course, prefer the alibi and comfort of the coalition promises of the desperate incumbents, threatened with exile to opposition, which is in itself a good thing for any party, as it should have been for Labour.

Only the people of this country, of whatever partisan loyalty, cannot afford a reprieve for the present government. For the issues that face us are more than a matter of tribalistic political partisanship.

This is a "mayday" appeal to the pilot Ezer Weizman to make a quick landing, to the Liberals to get out of their dead-end quagmire, and to everyone else who's interested. For it is later than they think. The deadline for Zion is yesterday.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

Akaba oil pipeline: more than ecology

By ZALMAN SHOVAL

and the Israeli Red Sea outlets may one day lie in joined, or at least coordinated planning and development — but until this happens, Israel should insist that the Jordanians at least agree to maintain direct contact with Israel with regard to such questions as regulating tanker traffic and preventing oil spills and pollution in general.

HOWEVER, THERE is more than ecology involved, and the proposed Kirkuk-to-Akaba pipeline also raises some very important political and strategic questions. Recent months have witnessed a marked "warning" in the attitude of the American government towards Baghdad. The State Department is making a major effort in cajoling the U.S. Congress into changing its negative stance towards American military aid to Iraq — while at the

same time Richard Fairbanks, Washington's special Middle East negotiator, has tried to persuade other Western countries not to sell arms to Iraq's adversary, Iran.

The State Department's efforts, by the way, have not prevented Baghdad getting large-scale arms supplies from the Soviet Union — including tanks, artillery and missiles. Israel cannot, of course, do anything but look askance at a situation where both super-powers seem to be vying with each other as to who will do more to strengthen Iraq's military capacity, regardless of the dangers to Israel and other countries, from one of the region's most aggressive regimes.

A key element in Washington's overtures towards Baghdad has been the involvement of the American business community in the \$1 billion Iraq-Jordan pipeline scheme. The

project is to include a \$570 million contract for the Bechtel Corporation, which is no stranger to U.S.-Arab political-economic dealings. Moreover, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has agreed to guarantee a portion of the loans for the construction of the oil-duct.

U.S. officials claim that the proposed pipeline (along with a second planned line through Saudi-Arabia) would help tie Iraq to the pro-Western, moderate part of the Arab world (though this supposed "moderation" has never been in evidence with regard to these countries' attitude towards peace with Israel...).

Rumour has it that the Iraqis and the Jordanians have asked, and perhaps received, American guarantees that Israel would not, in any future situation, interfere with the operation of the pipeline. As one source (quoted in the New York

Times) put it: "Iraq's perspective is that having an American equity in the project would guarantee its protection from Israel."

Actually, however, the shoe is on the other foot, and the real worry is what a closer economic and perhaps military relationship between the U.S. and aggressively anti-Israeli, armed-to-the-teeth Iraq would mean to the security of the Jewish State. After all, one cannot rule out the possibility that once the war with Iraq has ended, the Iraqi army with its enhanced divisional strength and its massive and modern materiel could be turned against Israel in a revival of the "Eastern Front" comprising of Syria, Iraq, Jordan and possibly Saudi Arabia.

True, American involvement could have a restraining influence, but, as experience has shown, there is certainly no guarantee for that — and if, as Yitzhak Rabin reportedly said, "the construction of the pipeline serves Israel's strategic interests by drawing Iraq into the Jordanian camp" — there is of course, the risk that this could work the other way round. Be this as it may, Israel should keep a close watch on developments — and not only for purely environmental reasons.

The writer is a former member of the Knesset.

READERS' LETTERS

LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We are also witnessing the chickens coming home to roost under the present electoral system in Israel.

As a visitor from the U.K. with a stake in this country, I was nauseated by a picture in the press of the leader of the Labour Party consorting with the head of the devalued Tami. How unbecoming to the heirs of the founding fathers of modern Israel! Not for this did they drain the swamps, create a smiling country side based on honest toil, making it once more the land of milk and honey, and not, as it is fast becoming, the land of filth of money. For example, the funk-hole for a defaulting European financier exploiting and manipulating the system.

In the recent E.E.C. elections, we have seen the emergence of the neo-fascists from the basest elements in the electorates of France, Italy and Greece. The man-eating anti-Semitic tiger is not yet converted to vegetarianism. Proportion-

al representation is his happy hunting ground.

Even in tolerant Great Britain, there is much clamour in some quarters for proportional representation. One could make a projection whereby, under the Israeli one per cent set-up, the odious National Front could secure a balancing number of M.P.'s in a "hung" parliament. They would certainly not find it at all difficult to finance and contest every constituency to secure maximum representation.

Here in Israel, only the will of the two major parties can bring about change by raising the percentage entry to the Knesset. Let both parties grasp the opportunity presented by the existing stalemate to bring order out of chaos and offer the prospect of firm government to this good and precious land. Enough of going cap in hand to questionable minorities. Where everyone has a voice, the people lose their say. The end product is "Rabbi Khomelini."

ISRAEL HOFFMAN
Tel Aviv (Hove, Sussex).

PRISON CONDITIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I found your recent article on prison conditions in Ramle very interesting, as I had just returned from visiting a friend imprisoned there.

When I asked this friend about his living conditions, he expressed concerns different from those mentioned in the article — yet valid concerns nonetheless. The problems he cited were that *kashrut* is so suspect that no one seriously keeping *kasher* can eat the food. Also, breakfast is served before *shaharit*, so that those who are religious face the choice of eating breakfast or following Jewish law.

Even to the non-religious who might justifiably question the importance of these concerns compared to whether or not prisoners are beaten, these are serious problems. They are important issues because they represent a denial of a basic human right, the right to freedom of religion.

REUVEN BLOOM
Rehovot.

THE BADER-OFER AMENDMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The conclusions of Hanoch Smith's analysis of the support for Kahane (July 27) are disturbing. What is even more disturbing is that, were it not for the Bader-Ofen amendment, he would have gained two seats in the Knesset.

Had the Bader-Ofen amendment not been introduced, the Likud would have had two seats less and the Alignment one seat less. These would have gone to the three smallest lists which succeeded in passing the one per cent barrier: Tami, Ometz and Kach.

DOVRAPHAEL
Jerusalem.

ELECTORAL REFORM BILL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Electoral reform, to which members of most streams of Israeli society have paid lip service at some time or another, has never been high on the national agenda — until today, when it has suddenly become a burning issue.

Gad Ya'acobi worked in the tenth Knesset on a bill to change the system. A survey of members of Knesset by the Committee of Concerned Citizens showed that at least 57 supported the Ya'acobi amendment of the Basic Law (the Elections) in some form; 61 members are required for the bill to be passed.

The amendment proposes that:
a) The country be divided into areas (number to be specified);
b) Each area has a number of members of Knesset to represent it;
c) The areas be delineated by a body to be agreed later.

Ya'acobi would prefer 16 areas each with five members, making 80 members, and that 40 members be elected proportionally from a national list as at present according to the votes cast in the areas. This would mean each of the political parties would put up a list of five names in each area and that members would be elected proportionally as today. If each area represented 100,000 voters, then a member

would require 20,000 votes to be elected. This is more or less what happens under the present system but it is clear that it is much more difficult to get 20,000 votes concentrated in one area than to pull them from the whole country, and this would make it very difficult for a small or fringe party to be represented. For this reason, those who oppose the bill because they feel that they might suffer under the proposed system are pressing for fewer, much larger areas.

The national list of 40 seats each would require about 50,000 votes which would again work to the disadvantage of the very small parties. Small parties would then find it an advantage to become incorporated in large parties in the same way as Mapam joined the Labour Party and the Liberals joined Herut to form Likud.

Thus, under this system, coalitions would be formed before elections instead of after elections as at present and the likelihood of stable government would be greatly enhanced. Extremist groups would be rejected as partners in the large

parties and would have almost no chance of representation.

The Gad Ya'acobi amendment is the only concrete proposal for real reform that has been discussed by an all-party Knesset committee and it has the widest support. It would also introduce the element of direct accountability to the elector which, in turn, would force the parties to find able and attractive candidates to increase their share of the vote.

No system is perfect, but the results of the elections to the eleventh Knesset show that the one we have is so defective that changing it must surely be a national priority.

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